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Libertarians in high-visibility governor, U.S. Senate races

By Carla Howell
Political Director

Political pundits are aflutter over close races for U.S. Senate and governor where Libertarians are polling higher than the margin of victory between the old party candidates.

Barry Hess, Libertarian for governor in Arizona, polled at 12 percent in a Public Policy Polling (PPP) survey in August, while both the Democrat and Republican were at 35 percent. A PPP memo announcing the result said, “The high level of support for Hess reflects the unusual amounts of support we’re find-

ing for third-party candidates across the country right now as voters are unhappy with both parties.”

Libertarians are using the spotlight to highlight calls for less government. Adrian Wyllie, Florida Libertarian for governor, whose opponents have been trading places for the lead, is getting almost daily coverage on mainstream newscasts across the state.

“This allows me to let voters know we can completely eliminate property taxes for homeowners by simply cutting government spending,” Wyllie said. “This will stimulate the economy the right way: by letting people keep more of what they

earn.”

According to polls available as of mid-September, six gubernatorial races and four Senate races are up for grabs where Libertarians are polling in third place and could potentially determine the winner. Poll numbers may fluctuate through election day, moving races in and out of the toss-up category.

Libertarian Sean Haugh’s close race for U.S. Senate in North Carolina has drawn national media attention, which he has used to advocate peace and ending the income tax. His photo displays next to his Democratic and Republican ri-

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Governor polls:

State	Libertarian	%	D-R Spread	Republican	%	Democrat	%	Poll
AZ	Barry Hess	12	0	Doug Ducey	35	Fred DuVal	35	Public Policy Polling 8/26
FL	Adrian Wyllie	8	+3	Rick Scott	39	Charlie Crist	42	Public Policy Polling 8/9
FL	Adrian Wyllie	4	-2	Rick Scott	43	Charlie Crist	41	Mason-Dixon 9/4
FL	Adrian Wyllie	3	-1	Rick Scott	45	Charlie Crist	44	Survey USA 9/8
FL	Adrian Wyllie	8	-2	Rick Scott	44	Charlie Crist	42	Quinnipiac 9/24
GA	Andrew Hunt	4	-1	Nathan Deal	45	Jason Carter	44	SurveyUSA 9/9
MI	Mary Buzuma	2	+2	Snyder	43	Schauer	45	Suffolk 9/11
MI	Mary Buzuma	3	-1	Rick Snyder	43	Mark Schauer	42	Public Policy Polling 9/9
KS	Keen Umbehr	4	+8	Brownback	40	Paul Davis	48	SurveyUSA 8/23
KS	Keen Umbehr	9	+2	Brownback	37	Paul Davis	39	Public Policy Polling 8/19
CO	Matthew Hess	5	+4	Bob Beauprez	39	John Hickenlooper	43	NBC News/ Marist Sept.

U.S. Senate polls:

State	Libertarian	%	D-R Spread	Republican	%	Democrat	%	Poll
KY	David Patterson	7	-4	Mitch McConnell	44	Alison Lundergan Grimes	40	Public Policy Polling 8/12
KY	David Patterson	7	-2	Mitch McConnell	41	Alison Lundergan Grimes	39	Bluegrass Poll 7/23
IA	Doug Butzier	2	+1	Joni Ernst	40	Bruce Braley	41	Public Policy Polling 8/26
NC	Sean Haugh	5	+3	Thom Tillis	43	Kay Hagan	46	SurveyUSA / Civitas 9/10
NC	Sean Haugh	8	+4	Thom Tillis	38	Kay Hagan	42	Public Policy Polling 8/17
GA	Amanda Swafford	5	-3	David Perdue	47	Michelle Nunn	44	Survey USA 9/9

CHAIR'S CORNER

The LP and its candidates are here to stay

by Nicholas Sarwark, Chair

It's an exciting time to be the chair of the Libertarian Party. I just got back from this term's first full meeting of the Libertarian National Committee. All of the LNC members worked together to make the meeting go smoothly and professionally, and we've set some goals to move the party forward into 2016.



Nicholas Sarwark

After the first day of the meeting, Wes Benedict and the entire staff put together a grand opening event for the David F. Nolan national headquarters. There was a great turnout by Libertarian Party members, honored guests like Elizabeth Nolan, community members, and Libertarian elected officials and candidates. All of them came out to see a tangible sign that the Libertarian Party is here to stay. If you weren't able to make it out in person and you'd like to watch video of my remarks, it's available online: youtu.be/hpAR4_hJ3vk

This issue is the last one before the election on Nov. 4, and 776 Libertarian candidates have stepped up to offer a bold Libertarian message of cutting government to advance liberty. Every one of those candidates has made a commitment to represent you, the Libertarian Party member, on the ballot this year. Please do whatever you can to help them. Send them a contribution, volunteer to work the polls for them, and thank them. I'm committed to personally thanking all of our candidates individually for running as a Libertarian.

When you have success by running more and better candidates with powerful messages, it's inevitable that the old parties are going to take notice. We're

showing the voters that they don't have to settle for parties who don't agree on anything except making government bigger. We're showing the voters that the old parties don't have any real ideas and won't commit to anything that would actually advance liberty. The old parties are scared.

As I write this, we are filing a lawsuit in Kentucky to fight back against old-party politicians and their media cronies who are breaking the law to keep David Patterson, our Senate candidate, from being in debates against Mitch McConnell. McConnell knows that Patterson would show him for the big-government hack he is, so he'll cheat to keep the Libertarian out.

Not on my watch. The Libertarian National Committee is a co-plaintiff on this lawsuit to put Patterson in the debates, and to back up that lawsuit with money. The LNC committed funds to fight to keep Gigi Bowman on the ballot in New York. I'm committed that, with your help, every time they cheat to suppress our candidates, we'll fight back and fight back hard. Not only that, we'll get earned media for our candidates.

Our candidates have done so much for the Libertarian Party, fighting on their behalf is the least the Libertarian Party can do for them.

Yours in liberty,

The following individual became a Beacon of Liberty lifetime member of the Libertarian Party between Aug. 1, 2014, and Sept. 22, 2014:

Timothy Beeman

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The party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by: functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities; nominating candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and supporting party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and, entering into public information activities.

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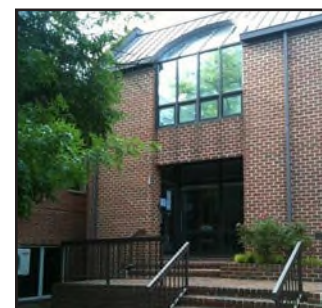
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On Sept. 20, the Libertarian National Committee held an open house at its new office space for the party's national headquarters in Alexandria, Va., named the David F. Nolan

Memorial Office in honor of our party's founder. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your name appear inside this historic office, right alongside David Nolan's.

Contribute today: LP.org/office-fund



"Unlike the president and current governor, I am less concerned with 'insuring' everybody and letting the costs skyrocket than with the actual medical attention of those in need. By removing all government involvement in health care, we can look forward to a drop in costs estimated to be between 60–70 percent. At that point, the greatest number of Arizonans won't even need insurance. They'll be able to afford their health care out of their hip pockets. For those in legitimate need, I believe we need to reinvigorate the county hospital system, and rely on the charitable giving of those who 'can.'"

— Barry Hess, LP Arizona candidate for governor



Barry Hess

High-visibility LP races

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vals in Wikipedia, which has traditionally blocked photos of Libertarian candidates from its campaign wikis.

In addition, there are a number of tight races for which no poll information is available, where the Libertarian may be polling higher than the margin.

Libertarian Brannon McMorris is in a neck-and-neck battle for U.S. Senate in Louisiana.

Libertarians Robert Burke for governor in Wisconsin, Chad Grimm for governor in Illinois, and Ed Wright for U.S. House District 3 in Iowa may also be polling ahead of the spread.

Control of the Senate is of particular concern to Democrats and Republicans. The U.S. House is expected to retain a Republican majority.

"Our state government currently has over 200 boards, commissions and authorities and more get created every year. ... Most are just jobs programs for out-of-work legislators, political insiders and magnets for special-interest lobbying. A good place to start is the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. ... Cutting this program would save \$300 million. Economies grow when government gets out of the venture capital business, and when money is put back in the private sector with an across-the-board tax cut." — Mary Buzuma, LP Michigan candidate for governor



Mary Buzuma

"The responsibility for healthcare needs to be put back into the hands of individuals and doctors. We need to significantly reduce the role of the federal government in this industry and open it back up to the free market. Only then will we see a reduction in costs associated with healthcare and insurance premiums. We can also bring more individuals back into the healthcare industry by deregulating physician's assistants and nurses. Not every ailment requires a visit to the doctor when it can be easily diagnosed and treated by trained and qualified professionals. Alternative healthcare options, including medicinal marijuana, should also be allowed equal entry to the market. This gives the individual more power and responsibility for making healthcare decisions."

— Amanda Swafford, LP Georgia candidate for U.S. Senate



Amanda Swafford

"Victimless, non-violent offenders should not be ripped away from their families and jobs by making them serve time."



Andrew Hunt

— Andrew Hunt, LP Georgia candidate for governor

"It has been estimated that for every bureaucrat job created, 100 private-sector jobs are lost. I believe this estimate is low since the economic cost of each regulation a bureaucrat creates has such a wide-ranging impact that the ripples of each new burden upon businesses becomes almost incalculable. ... As government continues to grow, the burdens upon and complexity of the market continue to grow as well. ... We need to drastically scale back government and regulations if we wish to free ourselves from ... a complete economic collapse in America."

— Matthew Hess, LP Colorado candidate for governor



Matthew Hess

Feliciano garners 13% in VT GOP primary as a write-in

By Bob Johnston
Candidate and Affiliate
Support Specialist

An impressive lineup of Republican Party leaders and lawmakers in Vermont endorsed Libertarian Dan Feliciano for governor as a write-in candidate for the GOP pri-

mary, including the Vermont Republican Party vice-chair and treasurer, and the manager of the 2012 Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Their endorsements stem from disapproval of Republican Scott Milne's weak stance on stopping socialized medicine in the state, which is scheduled to take effect in 2017. Milne is advocating a "wait-and-see" approach.

Feliciano received 2,093 votes — 13 percent, or one out of every seven votes as a write-in — in the GOP primary to finish second out of four candidates, an extraordinary vote for a write-in candidate. He'll be on the general election ballot as a Libertarian against Republican Scott Milne and incumbent Democrat Peter Shumlin.



Dan Feliciano

Police should stand down in Ferguson, MO; end failed drug war



LP-issued news release:

Tear gas, unrest, controlling the press, and the killing of alleged innocents are outcomes one would expect politicians to rationalize as inevitable in a war zone.

But these atrocities are happening in American cities — now in Ferguson, Mo., in the heart of the United States.

The war is not against tyrants who have invaded America or terrorists who commit mass murder.

No, the war is one that Democratic and Republican politicians are waging against fellow Americans who are hurting no one else.

The War on Drugs is frequently used to justify police who accost minorities walking down the street or otherwise engaged in peaceful behavior. This may have been what precipitated the killing of 18-year-old Michael Brown over the weekend, leading to riots and another shooting on Wednesday.

Although all the facts of this case are not yet known, the War on Drugs can be blamed for breeding the tension and resentment that has led to the dangerous rioting we now see in Ferguson.

"The militarization of our domestic police forces must end," said Nicholas Sarwark, chair of the Libertarian National Committee. "The failed War on Drugs must end. And there's no circumstance in which any government authority should attempt to silence or suppress the news media or people peacefully observing police conduct."

So far, police in Ferguson have placed two reporters under arrest — one for the Washington Post and one for the Huffington Post — along with an observer, a St. Louis alderman.

The Libertarian Party calls on the Ferguson and St. Louis County Police Departments to:

- Release the name of the police officer who shot Michael Brown.
- Let the investigation into the shooting play out without escalating tensions.
- Stop arresting reporters and observers in blatant violation of the First Amendment
- Stand down and withdraw the militarized response.

The Libertarian Party also denounces and demands



Militarized police in Ferguson, Mo., after the August 2014 shooting death of Michael Brown.

accountability for protesters who vandalize, loot, and destroy private property and thus victimize innocent small business owners.

The War on Drugs has been the rationale for the militarization of domestic police forces, a fact covered extensively by Washington Post reporter Radley Balko. The Libertarian Party calls for repeal of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which provides for dispensation of military equipment to federal and state law enforcement agencies for "counter-drug activities," and also calls for immediately ceasing the acquisition and use of military surplus equipment and supplies by domestic police departments.

America's senseless and reckless War on Drugs has ruined thousands of lives. It has failed to serve any useful purpose. It has failed to reduce dangerous use of drugs — and, in fact, encourages drug addiction. It has failed to make our streets safe — and has made them dangerous. It has failed to institute justice — and instead inflicts continual miscarriages of justice.

The Libertarian Party has long advocated for an end to the failed and dangerous War on Drugs. Twenty-seven Libertarian candidates running for federal office in 2014, and many more running for state and local office across the country, have pledged to end the War on Drugs if elected.

Heroic efforts put 776 Libertarians on Nov. ballots nationwide

By Carla Howell

Thanks to the efforts of Libertarian leaders and activists across the country, the Libertarian Party is fielding 776 candidates nationwide on the 2014 November ballot. An additional 11 were on the primary ballot or in special elections earlier in the year. See list of all fall 2014 candidates on pages 7–10.

New York

New York Libertarians have placed nine candidates on the ballot, despite the state's ballot access hurdles.

In an effort led by state chair Mark Axinn, the party raised and spent \$18,500 for paid petitioners, and volunteers collected more than 15,000 signatures. Libertarians turned in more than 35,000 total signatures.

Republicans subsequently challenged the signatures, and lost.

Another Republican, incumbent state senator Carl Marcellino, launched a challenge to knock his Libertarian rival Gigi Bowman off the ballot (see article on page 9 of this issue of *LP News*).

"New Yorkers should not be limited to choosing the lesser of two evils," gubernatorial candidate Michael McDermott said. "Instead, New Yorkers should cast their votes for a balanced budget, real growth in private-sector jobs, an end to the failed welfare state, and an end to needless suffering caused by inhumane drug prohibition."

If McDermott receives at least 50,000 votes for governor, the LPNY will have ballot access for the next four years, saving tens of thousands of dollars in petitioning costs.

In 2010, Libertarian Warren Redlich received 48,385 votes for governor — three times the vote total of the LP's 2006 candidate for governor, but just shy of the threshold needed for ballot access. Hitting the 50,000 mark in 2014 would be a huge victory for the party.



Mark Axinn



Michael McDermott

Illinois

Libertarians also successfully fought off a Republican challenge to ballot access in Illinois.

Under the leadership of Lex Green, now state chair, LPIL submitted 43,921 petition signatures to get their full slate of six statewide candidates on the November ballot. Republicans subsequently challenged the validity of 23,791 of those signatures and made allegations against 38 petition circulators.

LP volunteers defended the signatures throughout a grueling seven-day review process while the opposition based in fresh loads of paid staffers each day. On Aug. 22, the Illinois State Board of Elections ruled in favor of the LP, putting Libertarians on the ballot. On Aug. 27, the GOP filed a petition for judicial review, seeking to reverse the board's ruling. On Sept. 18, an Illinois judge denied the GOP request.

Meanwhile, Libertarian attorney general candidate Ben Koyl filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice, accusing Republican challengers of using intimidation tactics by sending openly armed investigators to obtain testimonials from petitioner circulators and voters who signed the petition. Koyl filed the complaint after requesting that state authorities investigate the matter, and received no response.

"These coercive and deceptive tactics have a chilling effect in that they discourage people from signing petitions and are in violation not only of Illinois election law, but also of our First Amendment rights," Koyl said.

The investigators accused of intimidation have ties to Republican governor candidate Bruce Rauner, who publicly denounced the tactics yet supported the effort to knock Libertarians off the ballot.

If LP candidate for governor Chad Grimm receives 5 percent of the vote, the Illinois LP will retain ballot access for the whole state. No other alternative party made the Illinois ballot this year, making



Lex Green



Ben Koyl

5 percent easier to attain.

Without ballot status, Libertarians must gather another 25,000 certified signatures and run a full slate of statewide candidates to make the ballot in 2016. With ballot status, they need only 5,000, a far easier threshold currently enjoyed only by the Republican and Democratic parties.

Many state affiliates hitting candidate highs

LP Oregon is fielding 50 candidates this year, up from 19 in 2012 and six in 2010. Maintaining a strong Libertarian presence on the ballot in the future is threatened, however, by a top-two initiative on the statewide ballot.

Arkansas has a record 27 Libertarians on the November ballot. If gubernatorial candidate Frank Gilbert receives at least 3 percent of the vote, LPAR will be automatically certified to run candidates in the next election cycle without having to petition for a spot on the ballot.

LP Louisiana Executive Director Wendy Adams led the effort to recruit a record 19 candidates for the state. Two candidates — Henry Herford and Justin Bonnette — are in uncontested races and their election is considered certain.

Adams said, "Thanks to all of our candidates for stepping up to run for office and thanks to all of our members who are working so hard to spread the message of Liberty and Freedom!"

In Hawaii, state Chair Tracy Ryan oversaw the recruitment of 17 candidates for the ballot, a new record for LPHI. If the 13 candidates for the state legislature can total 2 percent of the vote for all 64 legislative races, the party will retain ballot access for 2016 and will not have to petition to be on the ballot. Five of the 13 candidates are in two-way races, so reaching the 2 percent threshold is possible.

Greg Tlappek, executive director for LP Missouri since 2000, recruited 30 Libertarian candidates who made the November ballot, a near record for LPMO. Tlappek has been recruiting Libertarian candidates



Frank Gilbert



Tracy Ryan

for the state LP during the last several election cycles. An LP member since 1978 and three-time Libertarian candidate in the 1990s, he's running this year for state house.

Led by state chair Leigh LaChine, a number of activists in Alabama worked together to put 14 candidates on the ballot. They had to overcome the second toughest (after Oklahoma) ballot access laws in the country.

LP Virginia is running a record eight candidates for federal office. Robert Sarvis, candidate for U.S. Senate, recruited many of the other seven candidates on the ballot for Congress.

LP West Virginia has five Libertarians on the November ballot, the highest in LPWV history.

Continuing with its historically strong recruiting efforts, LP Indiana placed 66 candidates on the ballot and LP Texas placed 132, the highest number of any state.

LP California was set back by the passage of the top-two law, which makes it much more difficult for Libertarians to make the general election ballot. It also increased filing fees to 1 percent of the position's annual salary. It costs \$1,740 to run for Congress, \$3,480 to run for U.S. Senate or governor, and \$953 for the state legislature, all with slim chances of surviving the primary. Alternatively, candidates can petition, which costs even more. Patrick Hogan, who ran a write-in campaign in the primary for state assembly, is the only LPCA candidate in a top-two race who will be on the November ballot. An additional 11 Libertarians are running for local office in the state.

The California LP ran 60 candidates prior to the passage of top two in 2010. If not for the law, there would have been more than 800 Libertarians nationwide on the ballot this year.

LP Washington, also saddled with a top-two law, targeted uncontested primaries and managed to place 13 Libertarians on the November ballot.



Greg Tlappek



Leigh LaChine

LP in Wisconsin, neighboring states, shakes up 2014 election

Third parties are often derided as “spoilers” for running in elections where a small number of votes can be enough to change the outcome of the two-party contest. Democrats and Republicans don’t take this lightly: coordinating debates that disallow third-party candidates, seeking to minimize the media coverage they receive, and often going so far as to block third-party candidates from getting a place on the ballot.

The Illinois Republican Party went door to door interrogating voters who signed Libertarian ballot access petitions, hoping to find enough irregularities in the tens of thousands of signatures to invalidate the party’s candidacies. In Wisconsin, the Democratic Party successfully challenged the nomination papers for the Green Party’s only 2014 candidate for state legislature, in the 47th assembly district (Monona). In Ohio, a federal judge found clear evidence that the state’s Republicans had coordinated the effort to have the candidacy of Libertarian Charlie Earl for governor removed from ballots.

Eleven Libertarian candidates across Wisconsin have already cleared this hurdle, and are running in this fall’s elections. They include a full statewide slate and a half-dozen legislative races, and together constitute a majority of the candidates not running as either Republicans or Democrats.

Advocating smaller government, lower taxes, and free markets, the Libertarians are sometimes perceived as pulling primarily from Republican-leaning voters. However, with legalization of marijuana, legal equality for same-sex couples, support for civil liberties, and opposition to police abuse and over-incarceration all featuring prominently in the Libertarian message, some Democrats are also starting to worry about losing key swing voters to the Libertarians.

In 2002, Libertarian candidate and Tomah Mayor Ed Thompson ran for governor and won almost 11 percent, or 184,555 votes, placing first in two counties. That year less than 72,000 votes (4 percent) separated the Republican and Democratic candidates in the final result.

Another former mayor appears on this year’s Libertarian ticket: Jerry Shidell of Rhinelander is seeking the office of state treasurer. His campaign slogan is simple: “Hire me, I’ll fire me,” expressing his objection to the state’s continuing to spend money on a powerless, symbolic elected office with no responsibilities.

“We’re here for the unrepresented middle, those who don’t line up on the usual left-right spectrum,” said Andy Craig, LP Wisconsin candidate for secretary of state. “We’re offering a consistent platform of limited government and eco-

nomie liberty, along with tolerance and individual liberty on social issues: a popular combination you can’t get from Republicans or Democrats.”

Craig has also filed an official campaign finance complaint with the state’s election authorities, objecting to the exclusion of Libertarian and other third-party candidates from the ostensibly nonpartisan televised debates.

Robert Burke, LP Wisconsin candidate for governor, sums up his strategy more directly, telling interviewers that “I promise to mess things up for both sides.”

Burke, who happens to share a last name with the Democratic candidate for governor (no relation), has made a point of calling his opponents “the Red Team” and “the Blue Team,” because “neither one represents what the words ‘republican’ and ‘democratic’ actually mean.”

Three Libertarian candidates are running in state legislative elections where the incumbent would be otherwise unopposed, leading to a two-candidate election. In other races, the party’s nominees will compete against both Republicans and Democrats.

In such a three-way race, the win-



Andy Craig

ner could receive as little as one-third of the votes cast. That happened in adjacent Minnesota when Jesse Ventura won the governorship with 37 percent of the vote on the Reform Party ticket.

This year’s LP candidates assert that the two-party system is ripe for a major challenge. Polls find that sentiment against government is gaining traction, as are libertarian views on the issues.

A recent Marquette poll of Wisconsin found that 67 percent of voters agreed that “you can’t really trust the government to do the right thing,” 82 percent agree that “government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves,” and an overwhelming 90 percent agreed that “government wastes a lot of money we pay in taxes.” In those numbers, Libertarians see the potential to elect candidates who represent a much more skeptical view of government and its role in society.

Securing their place on the ballot is also one of their goals. If any of their candidates receives greater than 1 percent of the vote for a statewide office this year (governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, or state treasurer), the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin will be officially recognized with a legal status on par with the other two parties, and be entitled to place its presidential nominee on the 2016 Wisconsin ballot.

Libertarian National Committee meets in Alexandria, VA

By Gary Johnson
Libertarian National
Committee

The Libertarian National Committee met Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21, in Alexandria, Va. Video and audio of the meeting were streamed live on the Internet.

The LNC authorized spending \$2,000 to help Gigi Bowman, the Libertarian candidate in New York for state senator, District 5, defend herself from a challenge in court to her ballot status.

The LNC authorized spending \$9,000 on a lawsuit protesting the planned exclusion of David Patterson, the Libertarian candidate in Kentucky for U.S. senator, from a television debate.

The LNC voted to pay the last \$2,000 in expenses for the 2012 petition drive to place Gary Johnson on the ballot as the Presidential candidate in Minnesota.

The LNC adopted six goals for the 2014-2016 term:

1. Run at least 1,000 candidates in 2016.
2. Take action to see that each state has an “operational affiliate” by June 1, 2015.
3. Train at least 300 candidates in Who’s Driving by 2016.
4. Update the issue-based outreach literature.
5. Achieve party-status ballot access in at least 38 states as of Dec. 1, 2016.
6. Have at least 200 elected Libertarian officials in December 2016.

Affiliate Support Committee Chair Guy McLendon said that the committee would contact all state chairs for their advice and recommendations on how the national party can help the state parties.

A committee was formed to draft rules and policies for the LNC and other committees to meet electronically by telephone or video conference.

Executive Director Wes Benedict reported that expenses this year had been over budget, partly because expenditures for ballot access had been high. Former LNC Chair Bill Redpath said that, because some petition drives

were being done early in 2014, he expected that ballot access costs in 2016 would be lower than usual.

National Chair Nicholas J. Sarwark asked members of the LNC to personally telephone potential donors and ask them for contributions.

National Secretary Alicia Mattson reported on the voting procedures and the finances of the recent national convention.

The next meeting will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14, in New Orleans at the Hampton Inn and Suites Convention Center. Two to three weeks before the meeting, the LNC will communicate electronically in an “informational conference” to discuss the budget for calendar year 2015.

Gary Johnson, no relation to Gov. Gary Johnson, is a member of the Libertarian National Committee and the secretary of the Libertarian Party of Texas.

Fall 2014 Libertarian Party candidates

Name	Position
<u>Alaska</u>	
Carolyn Clift	Governor
Mark Fish	U.S. Senate
Andrew C. Lee	Lt. Governor
David Lyle	Valdez City Council
Jim McDermott	U.S. House
Amanda Mitchell	Ketchikan City Council
Cean Stevens	State Rep. 19th Dist.
<u>Alabama</u>	
Ken Bailey	Shelby Co. Sherriff
Ron Bishop	Jefferson Co. Commission Dist. 4
Mark Bodenhausen	Jefferson Co. Tax Assessor Assistant
Eric Calhoun	Jefferson Co. Commission Dist. 3
Shane Carlisle	Shelby Co. Coroner
Richard Finley	Jefferson Co. Commission Dist. 1
Willie Hill	Jefferson Co. Sheriff
Nicole Jordan	Jefferson Co. Tax Assessor
Charles Kennedy	Jefferson Co. Commission Dist. 2
Kevin Knight	Bibb Co. Sheriff
Leigh LaChine	Jefferson Co. Assistant Tax Collector
Laura Pate	Jefferson Co. Tax Collector
Steven Tucker	Jefferson Co. Commission Dist. 5
Doug Ward	Chilton Co. Revenue Commissioner
<u>Arkansas</u>	
William Brackeen	Justice of the Peace Dist. 13, Pulaski Co.
Grant Brand	U.S. House 3rd Dist.
Aaron Cash	Attorney General
Casey Copeland	Alderman, Prarie Grove
Greg Deckleman	State Rep. 31st
Valerie Emmons	Justice of the Peace Dist. 2, Pulaski Co.
Jacob Faught	Constable, Gentry
Frank Gilbert	Governor
Ken Hamilton	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Chris Hayes	Treasurer
Shawn Hipskind	Judge, Saline Co.
Jacob Holloway	Secretary of State
Whit Hyman	Constable, Springdale
Michael Kalagias	State Rep. 96th Dist.
Nathan LaFrance	U.S. Senate
Brian Leach	Auditor
Chris Olson	Lt. Governor
Christopher Parks	Justice of the Peace Dist. 2, Lonoke Co.
Rodger Paxton	State Rep. 51st Dist.
Elvis D. Presley	Land Commissioner
Marc Rosson	State Rep. 20th Dist.
Glen Schwarz	Judge, Pulaski Co.
Debbie Standiford	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Bobby Tullis	Mayor, Mineral Springs
Taylor Watkins	State Rep. 80th Dist.
Wayne Willems	State Rep. 15th Dist.
Brian Willhite	U.S. House 1st Dist.
<u>Arizona</u>	
Joe Cobb	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Zhani Doko	State Rep. 28th Dist.
Thane Eichenauer	Constable, Dntown (Phoenix)
Skyler Farr	Maricopa Co. Clerk of the Superior Court
Powell Gammill	U.S. House 9th Dist.
Barry Hess	Governor
Jim Iannuzo	State Senate 28th Dist.
Becca Kielsky	Maricopa Co. Assessor
Michael Kielsky	State Rep. 25th Dist.
Kevin Morrow	Justice of the Peace (Flagstaff)
Chris Rike	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Fred Scotty	Justice of the Peace (Hassayampa)
Kevin Sullivan	State Senate 8th Dist.
Tyler Thornton	Justice Of The Peace, Downtown (Phoenix)
Chris Will	State Rep. 26th Dist.
<u>California</u>	
Mark De Paula	Sequoia Healthcare Dist.
Alex Fidel	Encinitas Mayor
Mike Healey	Lake Forest City Council

Name	Position
Jack Hickey	Sequoia Healthcare Dist.
Patrick Hogan	State Assembly 5th Dist.
Brian Peotter	Costa Mesa Sanitary Dist. Governing Board
Tom Piper	Apple Valley City Council
Doug Radtke	Peninsula Healthcare Dist.
Joe Salama	Marin Co. Healthcare Dist.
Aaron Starr	Oxnard City Council
Brian Thiemer	Fairfield City Council
Norm Westwell	Ocean View School Board
<u>Colorado</u>	
Brett Almy	Jefferson Co. Sheriff
Niles Aronson	State Rep. 27th Dist.
Frank Atwood	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Chris Baerns	State Rep. 56th Dist.
Tyler Bagley	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Michael Beckerman	State Rep. 23rd Dist.
Justin Borowski	State Rep. 50th Dist.
Kyle Davis	State Rep. 54th Dist.
Norman Dawson	State Senate 11th Dist.
Darrell Dinges	State Senate 32nd Dist.
Jacob Erbes	State Rep. 3rd Dist.
Bill Gibson	State Rep. 11th Dist.
Steve Golter	CU Regent Dist. 7
Thom Haupt	State Rep. 26th Dist.
David Hein	State Rep. 1st Dist.
Geoffrey Heirholz	State Rep. 40th Dist.
Chris Heismann	State Senate 20th Dist.
Matthew Hess	Governor
James Jeansonne	State Rep. 45th Dist.
David Jurist	Treasurer
Gaylon Kent	U.S. Senate
Jess Loban	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Randy Luallin	Boulder Co. Commissioner Dist. 3
Brock McCoy	Douglas Co. Sheriff
Sacha Mero	State Rep. 57th Dist.
Travis Mero	U.S. House 3rd Dist.
Lee Mulcahy	State Senate 5th Dist.
Norm Olsen	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Daniel Ong	CU Regent Dist. 2
Eric Price	State Rep. 43rd Dist.
Susan Quilleash-Nelson	State Rep. 17th Dist.
Carter Reid	State Rep. 33rd Dist.
Hans Romer	State Rep. 29th Dist.
David Schambach	Secretary of State
Randy Schneider	State Rep. 18th Dist.
Brian Scriber	State Senate 34th Dist.
Ralph Shnelvar	Boulder Co. Clerk
Patrick Sullivan	Jefferson Co. Assessor
Mac Trench	State Rep. 61st Dist.
Jesse Walter	State Rep. 36th Dist.
Lynn Weitzel	State Rep. 22nd Dist.
David K. Williams	Attorney General
Lily Williams	State Rep. 44th Dist.
Jack Woehr	State Rep. 25th Dist.
Brandon Young	Lt. Governor
<u>Connecticut</u>	
Richard Lion	State Rep.
Dan Reale	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
<u>District of Columbia</u>	
Pranav Badhwar	Ward 6
Preston Cornish	Ward 5
John Daniel	U.S. Shadow Senator
Bruce Majors	Mayor
Martin Moulton	U.S. Shadow Rep.
Ryan Sabot	Ward 3
Frederick Steiner	City Council at-large
Kyle Walker	City Council Chairman
<u>Delaware</u>	
James Brittingham	State Rep. 39th Dist.
Scott Gesty	U.S. House
Shawn Long	New Castle Co. Recorder Of Deeds

Name	Position
Steven Newton	State House 22nd Dist.
John Potter	State Senate 21st Dist.
Patrick Shipp	New Castle Co. Sheriff
Gordon Smith	State House 30th Dist.
Bob Wilson	State House 7th Dist.
<u>Florida</u>	
Tony Caso	State Senate 20th Dist.
Karl Dickey	Palm Beach Soil & Water Dist. 5
Joe Haynes	Seminole City Council
Jared Jones	Collier Co. Soil & Water Dist. 4
Etta Lawlor	Santa Rosa Co. Commissioner
George Lebovitz	Brevard Co. Commissioner Dist. 4
J. J. McCurry	Brevard Co. Commissioner Dist. 2
Ray Netherwood	U.S. House 19th Dist.
Lucas Overby	U.S. House 13 Dist.
Richard D. Paul	Lee Co. Mosquito Control Dist., Area 4
Franklin Perez	State House 5th Dist.
Omar Recuero	State Rep. 100th Dist.
Karen Schoen	State House 5th Dist.
William Rob Tolp	Collier Co. Soil & Water Dist. 5
Ken Willey	State Rep. 18th
Bill Wohlsifer	Attorney General
Adrian Wyllie	Governor
<u>Georgia</u>	
Jeffrey Amason	State Rep. 21st
Aaron Gilmer	Public Service Commission Dist. 4
Dr. Andrew Hunt	Governor
Ted Metz	Insurance Commissioner
John Monds	Public Service Commission Dist. 1
Amanda Swafford	U.S. Senate
<u>Hawaii</u>	
Gregory Arianoff	State Senate 1st Dist.
Raymond Banda	State Senate 18th Dist.
Tom Berg	State Rep. 41st Dist.
Pat Brock	State Rep. 11th Dist.
Jeff Davis	Governor
Cynthia Davis	Lt. Governor
Fred Fogel	State Rep. 3rd Dist.
Allen Frenzel	State Rep. 44th Dist.
Anthony Higa	State Rep. 19th Dist.
Bronson Kaahui	State Senate 6th Dist.
Joe Kent	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Michael Kokoski	U.S. Senate
John Lalanne	State Rep. 5th Dist.
Michael Last	State Senate 3rd Dist.
Cynthia Marlin	Lt. Governor
Alain Schiller	State Senate 4th Dist.
Kaimayu Takayama	State Rep. 49th Dist.
Eric Weinert	State Rep. 1st Dist.
<u>Idaho</u>	
John Bujak	Governor
Paul Hautzinger	State Rep. 17th Dist., Position A
Joe Hautzinger	State Rep. 21st Dist., Position B
Matthew Larsen	State Rep. 29th Dist., Position A
Eugene Spencer Smith	State Rep. 10th Dist., Position B
<u>Iowa</u>	
Doug Butzier	U.S. Senate
Dr. Eric Cooper	State Rep. 45th Dist.
Lynne Gentry	State Rep. 10th Dist.
Joshua Herbert	State Rep. 31st Dist.
Dr. Lee Hieb	Governor
Forest Johnson	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Ryan Ketelson	Lt. Governor
Keith Laube	Treasurer
David Overby	State Rep. 57th Dist.
Jake Porter	Secretary of State
Gary Sicard	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Tom Thompson	State Senate 13th Dist.
Ed Wright	U.S. House 3rd Dist.

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Name	Position
<u>Illinois</u>	
Alex Cummings	Lt. Gov
Julie Fox	Comptroller
Chad Grimm	Governor
Sharon Hansen	U.S. Senate
Ben Koyl	Attorney General
Chris Michel	Secretary of State
Matthew Skopek	Treasurer
<u>Indiana</u>	
Duncan Adams	Sheriff, Brown Co.
Alex Avery	Allen/Wayne Township Advisory Board
Jamey Barnett	La Porte Co. Council Dist. 2
Tim Basey	Madison Co. Sheriff
Rex Bell	State Senate 27th Dist.
Bert Bell	West Creek Township Board
Chris Bowen	Marion Co. Recorder
Caleb Bowlin	Carroll Co. Council Dist. 4
Mark J. Brim	State Rep. 56th Dist.
Russell Brooksbank	State Rep. 71st Dist.
Rick Brown	Fall Creek Township Board
Jordan Carder	Scipio Township Board
Steve Coffman	Liberty Township Advisory Board
Kelley Curran	Jeffersonville Township Advisory Board
Michael Dowden	Hendricks Co. Council Dist. 2
Donna Dunn	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Dan Ferris	Madison Co. Council Dist. 1
Mike Frey	U.S. House 9th Dist.
Barb Gardener	Brown Co. Council Dist. 4
Lisa Goldsberry	Henry Co. Council Dist. 2
Rhonda Greene	Washington Co. Council Dist. 3
Max Greene	Washington Co. Sheriff
Chuck Hancock	Harrison Township Advisory Board
Cheryl Heacox	Clay Township Advisory Board
Greg Hertzsch	Clark Co. Council Dist. 2
Matthew Hisrich	Wayne Co. Commissioner Dist. 1
Andy Horning	U.S. House 8th Dist.
Tisha Jacobson-Maher	Marshall Co. Sheriff
Patrick Jamison	Kosciusko Co. Sheriff
Mike Jasper	Treasurer
Alex Jordan	Marrs Township Board
Robert Jozwiak	State Senate 25th Dist.
Darren Kinser	Lawrence Co. Sheriff
Garrett Klein	Tippicanoe Co. Council Dist. 1
Austin Knapp	German Township Advisory Board
John Krom	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Bill Levin	State Rep. 98th Dist.
William Maxwell	Pigeon Township Advisory Board
Chris Mayo	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Jose Gilbert Mejia	Perry Township Constable
Gilbert Mejia	Franklin Township Constable
Eric Miller	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Jeremiah Morrell	Henry Co. Council Dist. 1
Carletta Morrison	Madison Co. Commissioner South Dist.
Dave Murdoch	Brown Co. Commissioner
Robb Myers	Knight Township Trustee
Dave Nakarado	Monroe Co. Commissioner
David Norton	Washington Co. Auditor
Joshua O'Brien	State Rep. 49th Dist.
Steve Osborn	La Porte Co. Sheriff
Brad Owens	State Rep. 54th Dist.
Benjamin Parker	State Rep. 53th Dist.
Jeff Petermann	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Ashley Qualkenbush	State Rep. 62nd Dist.
Jesse Riddle	Henry Co. Council Dist. 3
Jonathan Scheller	Scott Township Advisory Board
John Schick	Auditor
Damian Stanziano	State Senate 41st Dist.
Zeb Sutton	State Rep. 33rd Dist.
Karl Tatgenhorst	Secretary of State
Aurea Torres	Center Township Trustee
Mark Vogel	State Rep. 7th Dist.
Tracey Walser	Anderson Township Board
Johnathan Williams	Knight Township Advisory Board
Scott Wise	U.S. House 3rd Dist.
Ray Wolff	La Porte Co. Council Dist. 4
Randy Young	Tippicanoe Co. Council Dist. 2

Name	Position
<u>Kansas</u>	
Gordon Bakken	State Rep. 84th Dist.
Randall Batson	U.S. Senate
Jeff Caldwell	State Rep. 36th Dist.
Caleb Christopher	State Rep. 38th Dist.
Chris Clemmons	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Michael Kerner	State Rep. 17th Dist.
James Pruden	State Rep. 86th Dist.
Brent Stackhouse	State Rep. 14th Dist.
Keen Umbehr	Governor
Josh Umbehr	Lt. Governor
<u>Kentucky</u>	
James Bozman	Boone Co. Commissioner #3
Josh Brotherton	Boone Co. Commissioner #1
David Capano	Campbell Co. Constable #1
Shannon Denniston	Montgomery Co. Justice of the Peace Dist. #2
Chris Dillingham	Warren Co. Constable #2
Cyrus Eckenberg	McCracken Co. Magistrate #2
Krystal Freeman	Lincoln Co. Jailer
Grant Goodrich	Fayette Co. Magistrate #1
Dan Hull	Campbell Co. Constable #3
Cristi Kendrick	Boone Co. Commissioner #2
Bill Mitchell	State Rep. 66th Dist.
Ken Moellman	Pendleton Co. Judge/Exec
David Patterson	U.S. Senate
Tracey Roberts	Marshall Co. Magistrate #2
Chris Robinson	Kenton Co. Clerk
Easton Sanders	Marshall Co. Magistrate #3
J. Kyle Sweeney	Boone Co. Judge/Exec
Joseph Szeremet	Boone Co. Attorney
<u>Louisiana</u>	
Justin Bonnette	Vernon Parish, Justice of the Peace, Ward 6
Chad Bourgeois	Ascension Parish, School Board Dist. 6B
Troy Broussard	Jefferson Parish, 1st Parish Court, Division B
Denise Landry Bruno	Ascension Parish, School Board Dist. 6A
Rufus Craig	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Samuel Davenport	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Henry Herford	Franklin Parish, Constable Dist. 1
Justin L. Licciardi	St. Bernard Parish, Constable, Ward B
Randall Lord	U.S. House 4th Dist.
William McBride	Washington City Council Dist. 3
Brannon McMorris	U.S. Senate
Chad Ivery Perry	Calcasieu Parish, Justice of the Peace, Ward 7
Jeffrey Sanford	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Chuck Saucier	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Jo Ann Scott	Jefferson Parish, School Board Dist. 7
Ryan Shinkle	Youngsville City Council, Division A
Matthew Tomassee	Youngsville City Council, Division B
Michael J. Vogt	Plaquemines Parish, Justice of the Peace, Ward 6
Martin Wade	Lafourche Parish, Constable Dist. 4
<u>Maryland</u>	
Leo Dymowski	Attorney General
Lorenzo Gaztanaga	Lt. Gov.
Leo Martin	Garrett Co. Commissioners Dist. 1
Peggy O'Donnell	Calvert Co. Commissioners
Ron Owens-Bey	State House 45th Dist.
Shawn Quinn	Governor
Dave Sgambellone	Anne Arundel Co. Council
Scott Soffen	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Arvin Vohra	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Bill Welch	Garrett Co. Commissioners Dist. 3
<u>Massachusetts</u>	
Michael Coombes	State House 6th Dist. (Middlesex)
Rick Marciano	State House 6th Dist. (Essex)
Daniel Morris	State House 7th Dist. (Essex)
Heather Mullins	State Senate (Plymouth Barnstable)
Kenneth Roberts	State House 3rd Dist. (Hampshire)
Hassan Smith	Suffolk Co. Sherriff
Robert Underwood	State House 9th Dist. (Hampden)
Kenneth Van Tassell	State House 14th Dist. (Middlesex)
Bryan White	State House 2nd Dist. (Bristol)
<u>Michigan</u>	
Justin Altman	Attorney General
Scotty Boman	Lt. Governor
Mary Buzuma	Governor

Name	Position
Greg Creswell	U.S. House 9th Dist.
Bob Dhsyhria	U.S. House 12th Dist.
Jim Fulner	U.S. Senate
Loel Gnadt	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Erwin Haas	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Hal Jones	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Jamie Lewis	Secretary of State
Kerry Morgan	Supreme Court Justice
Ken Proctor	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Leonard Schwartz	U.S. House 14th Dist.
Chris Sharer	U.S. House 13th Dist.
John Tatar	U.S. House 11th Dist.
James Weeks II	U.S. House 8th Dist.
Kipp Welch II	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Lorence Wenke	State Senate 20th Dist.
Bill Wenzel	State Senate 26th Dist.
Will Tyler White	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Jeff Wood	State Senate 22th Dist.
Jim Young	State Senate 11th Dist.
<u>Minnesota</u>	
Elizabeth Dahl	Crystal City Council
Chris Dock	Lt. Governor
Chris Holbrook	Governor
Keegan Iversen	Auditor
Heather Johnson	U.S. Senate
David Nick	Foley City Council
Mary O'Connor	Attorney General
Bob Odden	Secretary of State
Olga Parsons	Crystal City Council
Cara Schulz	Burnsville City Council
<u>Mississippi</u>	
Danny Bedwell	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Joey Robinson	U.S. House 4th Dist.
<u>Missouri</u>	
Andrew Bolin	State Rep. 83rd Dist.
Bill Boone	State Rep. 137th Dist.
Benjamin Brixley	Greene Co. Presiding Commissioners
Ted Brown	St. Louis Co. Executive
Jeff Coleman	State Rep. 67th Dist.
Michael Copeland	St. Charles Co. Recorder
Kevin Craig	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Robb Cunningham	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Jeff Foli	Livingston Co. Presiding Commissioner
Steven Hedrick	U.S. House 3rd Dist.
Jim Higgins	State Senate 24th Dist.
Arthur Hodge	Greene Co. Circuit Clerk
Draig Hodge	State Rep. 103rd Dist.
Ginny Keirns	State Rep. 153rd Dist.
Frank Kohler	Cass Co. Recorder of Deeds
Lee Martin	Howell Co. Circuit Clerk
Russ Monchil	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Sean O'Toole	State Auditor
Lisa Schaper	State Rep. 81st Dist.
Bill Slantz	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Cisse Spragins	Jackson Co. 2nd Dist. at-large
Matt Stephens	State Rep. 33rd Dist.
Greg Tlapak	State Rep. 147th Dist.
Richard Tolbert	Jackson Co. Executive
Rick Vandeven	U.S. House 8th Dist.
Bill Wayne	State Rep. 51st Dist.
Roy Wellborn	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Lora Young	Cass Co. Presiding Commissioners
Herschel Young	U.S. House 4th Dist.
<u>Montana</u>	
Cris Colvin	State House 3rd Dist.
Mike Fellows	U.S. House
Jeffrey A. Hill	State House 54th Dist.
Roger Roots	U.S. Senate
Charles Satchfield	State House 97th Dist.
Joan Stanley	State Senate 33rd Dist.
Ron Vandevender	State House 80th Dist.
<u>Nebraska</u>	
Ben Backus	Secretary of State
Mark Elworth Jr	Governor

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Republican incumbent tries to knock off Libertarian challenger Gigi Bowman

Should politicians who are already in office have the right to limit the candidates for whom New Yorkers vote?

State Senator Carl Marcellino apparently thinks so.

On Sept. 2, he and three of his Re-



Gigi Bowman

publican supporters sued Gigi Bowman, the Libertarian candidate for New York State Senate District 5, and the New York State Board of Elections to keep Bowman off the ballot.

Bowman, based in Huntington, collected approximately 5,000 voter signatures in six weeks this summer. In their lawsuit, the Republicans claim that every one of her signatures was fraudulently obtained, including her own.

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Mark Axinn commented, “The Republican Party will stop at nothing to prevent choice on the ballot. Neither the Board of Elections, the courts nor the voters should be fooled by their duplicity.”

The court was scheduled to make a ruling on the case on Sept. 26.

“Collecting 5,000 signatures for a state legislative race is an extraordinary challenge because many of the voters found at petitioning locations live outside the district,” said Carla Howell, politi-

cal director for the Libertarian National Committee.

Gigi Bowman is treasurer of the Suffolk County Libertarian Party, and president of Liberty Candidates, an organization she formed to vet and promote candidates running for office on a platform of liberty. She has organized many liberty events and rallies, including one at Kennedy Airport in opposition to the TSA Body Scanners, for which she was interviewed on Fox News.

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Name	Position
Felicia Jorgensen	Valley City Council
Michael Knebel	State Treasurer
Steve Laird	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
John Sterup	Johnson Co. Treasurer
Scott Zimmerman	Lt. Governor
<u>Nevada</u>	
Steve Brown	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Richard Clarke	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Chris Dailey	White Pine Co. Commissioner Seat 1
Jim Duensing	Clark Co. Dist. Attorney
Louis Gabriel	State Assembly 32nd Dist.
Tim Hagan	Clark Co. Assessor
Donald Hendon	State Assembly 19th Dist.
Douglas Johnson	Clark Co. Recorder
Roberto Juarez	State Assembly 15th Dist.
Randy Kimmick	U.S. House 3rd
John O'Connor	State Assembly 38th Dist.
Lou Pombo	State Assembly 37th Dist.
Adam-John Sanacore	State Assembly 21st Dist.
Jason Smith	Clark Co. Commissioner Dist. F
Ed Uehling	State Assembly 10th Dist.
<u>New Hampshire</u>	
Lisa Wilber	State Rep. 2nd Dist.
<u>New Jersey</u>	
Joe Baratelli	U.S. Senate
Jim Gawron	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Dorit Goikhman	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Jeff Hetrick	Chatham Town Council (write-in)
Brian Pizza	Ocean Co. Freeholder
Steven J. Uccio	Mercer Co. Freeholder
<u>New York</u>	
Gia Arnold	State Senate 62nd Dist.
H. Clark Bell	State Assembly 103rd Dist.
Richard Bell	U.S. House 11th Dist.
Gigi Bowman	State Senate 5th Dist.
David Casavis	State Assembly 73rd Dist.
John Clifton	Comptroller
Chris Edes	Lt. Governor
Christopher Garvey	State Senate 8th Dist.
Mark Glogowski	State Assembly 139th Dist.
Bill Gouldman	Putnam Co. Legislator 2nd Dist.
Grant Lally	U.S. House 3rd Dist.
Michael McDermott	Governor
Carl Person	Attorney General
John K. Wilson	State Assembly 37th Dist.
<u>North Carolina</u>	
Eric Cable	State House 104th Dist.
J. Wesley Casteen	U.S. House 7th Dist.
P. H. Dawkins	State Senate 25th Dist.
Richard Evey	Burke Co. Commissioner
Ginny Godfrey	Burke Co. Commissioner
Sean Haugh	U.S. Senate

Name	Position
Jeremy Hussey	Randolph Co. Commissioner Dist. 4
John Martin	Macon Co. Commissioner Dist. 2
Windy McKinnie	Haywood Co. Commissioner
Paul Meinhart	State House 59th Dist.
Shelby Mood	State House 117th Dist.
<u>North Dakota</u>	
Anthony Mangnall	Tax Commissioner
Roland Riemers	Secretary of State
Jack Seaman	U.S. House
<u>Ohio</u>	
Bob Bridges	Auditor
Sherry Clark	Lt. Gov
Charlie Earl	Governor
Nathan Eberly	State Rep.s 3rd Dist.
Eric Eberly	U.S. House 5th Dist.
David Harlow	U.S. House 10th Dist.
Kevin Knedler	Secretary of State
Steven R. Linnabary	Attorney General
Dave Macko	U.S. House 14th Dist.
Chad Monnin	State Rep. 19th Dist.
Mark Noble	State Rep. 24th Dist.
Queen Noble	State Rep. 31st Dist.
Gregg Norris	State Rep. 83rd Dist.
Scott Pettigrew	State Rep. 62nd Dist.
Nelson Roe	State Rep. 97th Dist.
Robert Sherwin	State Rep. 57th Dist.
James Snedden Jr.	Commissioner, Licking Co.
Roger Staton	Common Pleas Judge
<u>Oklahoma</u>	
Richard Prawdzenski	Governor
<u>Oregon</u>	
Jeff Adams	State Rep. 2nd Dist.
Curt Ankerberg	Jackson Co. Commissioners POS 1
Jodi Bailey	State Rep. 51st Dist.
Brandon Boertje	State Rep. 7th Dist.
W. A. Bollinger	State Senate 5th Dist.
Frank Brannen	State Rep. 55th Dist.
Robert R. Bruce	State Senate 26th Dist.
Knute C. Buehler	State Rep. 54th Dist.
Amanda Burnham	State Rep. 36th Dist.
David Chester	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Betsy L. Close	State Senate 8th Dist.
Laura D. Cooper	State Rep. 13th Dist.
Dave Dotterrer	State Senate 3rd Dist.
Sharon Durbin	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Sal Esquivel	State Rep. 6th Dist.
Glen L. Ewert	State Senate 10th Dist.
James Foster	U.S. House 1st Dist.
John S. Gerboth	State Rep. 35th Dist.
Paul B. Grad	Governor
Lars Hedbord	State Rep. 28th Dist.
Chuck Huntting	State Rep. 26th Dist.
Kohler Johnson	State Rep. 24th Dist.
Mark Johnson	State Rep. 52nd Dist.
Mark Karnowski	State Rep. 23rd Dist.

Name	Position
Brenden King	State Rep. 34th Dist.
Bruce Alexander Knight	State Rep. 42nd Dist.
Jeffrey Langan	U.S. House 3rd Dist.
Kyle Markley	State Rep. 30th Dist.
Thad Marney	State Rep. 22nd Dist.
Robert Martin	State Rep. 27th Dist.
Michael James Marvin	State Senate 23th Dist.
Tim McMenamin	State Rep. 41st Dist.
Robert Miller	State Rep. 31st Dist.
Caitlin Mitchel-Markley	State Senate 15th Dist.
Mike Montchalin	U.S. Senate
Bill Post	State Rep. 25th Dist.
Mark Richman	State Rep. 29th Dist.
Perry Roll	State Senate 16th Dist.
Guy Rosinbaum	State Rep. 9th Dist.
Mark Seligman	State Rep. 3rd Dist.
Edward R. Siener	Benton Co. Commissioners POS 1
Daniel Souza	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Michael Spasaro	State Senate 6th Dist.
Sherrie Sprenger	State Rep. 17th Dist.
Jack C. Stillwell	Deschutes Co. Commissioners POS 1
Kim Thatcher	State Senate 13th Dist.
John Verbeek	State Senate 17th Dist.
Mark Vetanen	State Rep. 33rd Dist.
Gail Whitsett	State Rep. 56th Dist.
Sonny W. Yellott	State Rep. 48th Dist.
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
Steven Ayer	State Rep. 153rd Dist. (write-in)
Chuck Boust	State Rep. 199th Dist. (write-in)
George Brown	State Rep. 42nd Dist. (write-in)
John Burd	State Rep. 107th Dist.
Henry Haller	Lt. Governor (write-in)
Alex Humanick	State Rep. 133rd Dist. (write-in)
Ken Krawchuk	Governor (write-in)
Theodore Manko	U.S. House 13th Dist. (write-in)
Charles Martin	State Rep. 77th Dist.
Thomas E. McCall	State Rep. 105th Dist. (write-in)
Thomas E. McCall	U.S. House 15th Dist. (write-in)
Paul Rizzo	State Rep. 138th Dist. (write-in)
Steve Scheetz	State Rep. 140th Dist. (write-in)
Richard Schwarz	State Rep. 182nd Dist. (write-in)
Betsy Summers	State Rep. 121st Dist.
Betsy Summers	U.S. House 11th Dist. (write-in)
<u>Rhode Island</u>	
Tony Jones	Lt. Governor
<u>South Carolina</u>	
Kevin Beck	Edgefield Co. Probate Co.
Steve French	Governor
Victor Korcher	U.S. Senate
Travis McCurry	State Rep. 3rd Dist.
Curtis McLaughlin	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Colin Ross	State Rep. 119th Dist.
Rodney Travis	State Rep. 109th Dist.
Kevin Umbaugh	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Jeremy Walters	State Rep. 26th Dist.

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Name	Position
<u>South Dakota</u>	
John English	Commissioner of School and Public Lands
Kurt Evans	State Auditor
Chad Haber	Attorney General
Emmett Reistroffer	Secretary of State
Ken Santema	Treasurer
<u>Tennessee</u>	
Joshua James	U.S. Senate
Lenny Ladner	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Daniel Lewis	Governor
Vinnie Vineyard	State House 13th Dist.
<u>Texas</u>	
Will Aikens	U.S. House 28th Dist.
Annette Anderson	Bexar Co. Commissioner Precinct 2
Mark Ash	Supreme Court Justice Place 6
Ken Ashby	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Jamie Balagia	Attorney General
Scott J. Ballard	U.S. House 31st Dist.
Don Bates	State Senate 2nd Dist.
Daniel Behrman	State Rep. 125th Dist.
Michelle Raye Benatti	Tarrant Co. Clerk
Mark Bennett	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Place 3
John Betz	U.S. House 25th Dist.
Justin Billiot	State Rep. 136th Dist.
Whitney Bilyeu	State Senate 7th Dist.
Michael Binkley	State Rep. 112th Dist.
Jeffrey C. Blunt	U.S. House 20th Dist.
Mark Boler	U.S. House 26th Dist.
Cory W. Bruner	U.S. House 35th Dist.
Mike Burris	Travis Co. Treasurer
Robert Butler	Lt. Governor
Jeff Carruthers	State Rep. 121st Dist.
Steven S. Carter	McLennon Co. Commissioner Precinct 2
Rodney Caston	State Rep. 106th Dist.
Rand Cates	Rusk Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 5
Brian Chapman	State Rep. 100th Dist.
Clinton L. Chase	McLennon Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 7
Hugh Chauvin	U.S. House 6th Dist.
John Clare	Tarrant Co. Dist. Clerk
Ed Colliver	U.S. House 12th Dist.
Ruben Corvalan	U.S. House 23rd Dist.
Megan DaGata	Board of Education Dist. 7
Clif Deuvall	State Rep. 56th Dist.
Arthur Dibianca	State Rep. 51st Dist.
Pat Dixon	Travis Co. Clerk
David Dreesen	State Rep. 50th Dist.
Jim Duke	State Rep. 45th Dist.
Quinn Eaker	State Rep. 96th Dist.
Ben Easton	State Rep. 48th Dist.
Jonathan F. Erdhardt	State Senate 23rd Dist.
Gerald Fowler	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Rob Fritsche	Williamson Co. Commissioner Place 4
Don Fulton	Supreme Court Justice Place 7
Esperanza Garcia-Weller	Dallas Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Place 1
Joel Gardner	State Rep. 6th Dist.
Steven Gibson	State Senate 31st Dist.
Mark Gindin	Travis Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2
Kathie Glass	Governor
Thomas Griffing	State Rep. 114th Dist.
Shawn Michael Hamilton	U.S. House 17th Dist.
George Hardy	State Senate 17th Dist.
Robert Harris	State Rep. 94th Dist.
Steven Haskett	Travis Co. Commissioner Precinct 2
Chris Hernandez	State Rep. 126th Dist.
Manny Hinojosa	El Paso Co. Dist. Clerk
James Holland	State Rep. 122nd Dist.
Michael Holt	Travis Co. Clerk
Scott Jameson	State Senate 8th Dist.
Irene Johnson	State Rep. 52nd Dist.
Johnny Johnson	U.S. House 9th Dist.
Kim Kelley	State Rep. 115th Dist.
Bill Kelsy	U.S. House 10th Dist.
Nathan Kleffman	Travis Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 3
Justin Knight	Commissioner of General Land Office
Max W. Kock III	U.S. House 30th Dist.
Roberto Koelsch	Supreme Court Justice Place 8

Name	Position
Mike Kolls	U.S. House 24th Dist.
Daniel Krawisz	State Rep. 49th Dist.
Peggy LaGrone	Upshur Co. Clerk
Cory Lane	State Senate 30th Dist.
Ryan T. Lange	U.S. House 11th Dist.
Rob Lapham	U.S. House 22nd Dist.
Brandin P. Lea	State Senate 25th Dist.
Desarae Lindsey	Henderson Co. Clerk
J. Tyler Lindsey	State Senate 3rd Dist.
Gene Lord	State Senate 10th Dist.
Ken Lowder	State Rep. 128th Dist.
J. Alexandro Lozano	State Rep. 76th Dist.
Kevin Ludlow	State Rep. 46th Dist.
Meta Lyons-Bates	Williamson Co. Commissioner Place 2
Kerry McKennon	State Rep. 88th Dist.
Scott McKinlay	State Rep. 47th Dist.
Dan Michael	Williamson Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2
Todd S. Miller	El Paso Co. Clerk
Mark Miller	Railroad Commissioner
Maximilian Miller	State Rep. 53rd Dist.
Josh Morales	Board of Education Dist. 3
Joseph Morse	Travis Co. Commissioner Precinct 4
Carl Nulsen	State Rep. 101st Dist.
Tom Oxford	Supreme Court Chief Justice
Rebecca Paddock	U.S. Senate
Rocky Palmquist	Commissioner of Agriculture
Quannah Parker	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Place 4
Larry Parr	State Rep. 3rd Dist.
Johnny Partain	U.S. House 15th Dist.
Patrick Peavy	State Rep. 67th Dist.
Jaime O. Perez	U.S. House 16th Dist.
Richard Perkins	Travis Co. Judge
Richard Chip Peterson	U.S. House 19th Dist.
Ken Petty	U.S. House 8th Dist.
Kevin Pick	Travis Co. Dist. Clerk
Jason Pipoly	Bexar Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 3
Emily Pivoda	U.S. House 13th Dist.
Preston Poulter	Dallas Co. Judge
Bruce Pugh	State Rep. 14th Dist.
Bill Quiroga	Galveston Co. Judge
Edward Rankin	U.S. House 32nd Dist.
James R. Ratcliff	El Paso Co. Commissioner Precinct 4
Jason Reeves	U.S. House 33rd Dist.
David Reichert	McLennon Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-2
Ryan Rowley	U.S. House 34th Dist.
Daniel Martin Ruble	Travis Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2
Craig Sanders	Board of Education Dist. 11
Ben Saunders	Comptroller
John Sheehan	Collin Co. Dist. Clerk
Ryan Shields	U.S. House 21st Dist.
Meredith Shrum	Travis Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2
Roxanne Simonson	U.S. House 27th Dist.
Rhett Rosenquest Smith	Bexar Co. Judge
W. Carl Spiller	State Rep. 105th Dist.
James Stanczak	U.S. House 29th Dist.
Rick Stralow	State Rep. 4th Dist.
William Bryan Strange	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Place 9
James Arthur Strohm	State Senate 14th Dist.
Junart Sudoy	Board of Education Dist. 13
Bob Townsend	State Rep. 16th Dist.
Rodney Veach	U.S. House 36th Dist.
James Veasaw	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Gilberto Velasquez Jr.	State Senate 15th Dist.
Gilberto Villela	State Rep. 120th Dist.
Ron Walenta	State Rep. 5th Dist.
Brad Walters	Harris Co. Criminal Dist. Court Judge
Zach Warren	Travis Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 4
Jarrold Weaver	State Rep. 20th Dist.
Mark Wester	Board of Education Dist. 12
Felicia Whatley	State Rep. 91st Dist.
Matt Whittington	State Senate 5th Dist.
John Wieder	U.S. House 14th Dist.
Linda Wilbert	Brazos Co. Justice of the Peace Precinct 4
John Wilford	State Rep. 8th Dist.
Rod Wingo	State Rep. 97th Dist.
<u>Utah</u>	
Brett Black	State Rep. 44th Dist.
Craig Bowden	U.S. House 1st Dist.
Megan Clegg	State Rep. 23rd Dist.

Name	Position
Roger S. Condie	State Rep. 7th Dist.
Rainer Huck	State Rep. 40th Dist.
W. Andrew McCullough	Attorney General
Barry Evan Short	State Rep. 72nd Dist.
Chelsea Travis	State Rep. 35th Dist.
Jim L. Vein	U.S. House 4th Dist.
Lee Ann Walker	State Rep. 46th Dist.
Brent Zimmerman	State Senate 22nd Dist.
<u>Virginia</u>	
Bo Brown	U.S. House 4th Dist.
James Carr	U.S. House 7th Dist.
Jeffrey Carson	U.S. House 8th Dist.
Will Hammer	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Marc Harrold	U.S. House 11th Dist.
Joshua Huffman	Harrisonburg City Council
Paul Jones	U.S. House 5th Dist.
Bill Redpath	U.S. House 10th Dist.
Robert Sarvis	U.S. Senate
<u>Vermont</u>	
Varpilah Chase	State Rep. Chitteden 8-1 (Essex Junction)
John Cisar	State Senate Chittenden Co.
Roy Collette	State Rep. Chitteden 6-1 (Burlington)
Christopher Coolidge	State Senate Chittenden Co.
Dan Feliciano	Governor
Ben Mayer	State Senate Chittenden Co.
Owen Mulligan	Sheriff, Chittenden Co.
Loyal Ploof	State Rep. Chitteden 6-1 (Burlington)
Dana Rushford	State Rep. Chitteden 9-2 (Colchester)
Ted Schaft	State Rep. Rutland-2 (Proctor)
Lillith Soleil	State Rep. Chitteden 8-2 (Essex Junction)
Travis Spencer	State Senate Chittenden Co.
Jonathan Stauffer	High Baliff, Chittenden Co.
Paul Washburn	State Senate Chittenden Co.
Glyn Wilkinson	State Senate Chittenden Co.
<u>Washington</u>	
Paul Addis	State Rep. 36th Dist. Position 2
James Apker	State Rep. 7th Dist. Position 1
Stafford Conway	State Rep. 24th Dist. Position 2
Paul Delaney	State Rep. 3rd Dist. Position 2
Nicholas Kunkel	State Rep. 42nd Dist. Position 1
Randy McGlenn II	State Rep. 3rd Dist. Position 1
Steve Nielson	State Rep. 2nd Dist. Position 2
Eli Olson	State Rep. 38th Dist. Position 2
Chris Rockhold	State Rep. 17th Dist. Position 2
Michael Scott	State Rep. 10th Dist. Position 1
David Steenson	State Rep. 19th Dist. Position 1
Brian Thiemer	Fairfield City Council
Tim Turner	State Rep. 48th Dist. Position 2
<u>Wisconsin</u>	
Phil Anderson	State Assembly 47th Dist.
Joseph Brost	Lt. Governor
Robert Burke	Governor
Andy Craig	Secretary of State
Keith Drechsler	U.S. House 1st Dist. (write-in)
Gus Fahrendorf	U.S. House 6th Dist.
Wendy Friedrich	State Senate 5th Dist.
Laurie Kroger	State Assembly 30th Dist.
Adam Laufenberg	State Assembly 51st Dist.
George Meyers	State Assembly 66th Dist.
Tom Nelson	Attorney General
Jerry Shidell	Treasurer
Rob Taylor	U.S. House 7th Dist. (write-in)
<u>West Virginia</u>	
John Buckley	U.S. Senate
Davy Jones	U.S. House 2nd Dist.
Ed Olesh	State Rep. 51st Dist.
Michael Ray	State Rep. 50th Dist.
Patrick Smith	State Senate 12th Dist.
<u>Wyoming</u>	
Richard Brubaker	U.S. House of Rep.
Kit Carson	Secretary of State
Dee Cozzens	Governor
Joe Porambo	U.S. Senate

How do Libertarians, Republicans, and Democrats differ?

Here’s how typical Libertarians, Democrats, and Republicans will vote if elected to federal office — regardless of what they say they’ll do:

	Libertarians	Democrats	Republicans
Federal spending	Dramatically reduce government spending now. Balance the budget now. No more debt.	More, more, more spending! Balance the budget when hell freezes over. Trillions more debt.	More, more, more spending! Balance the budget when hell freezes over. Trillions more debt.
Taxes	End the income tax. Abolish the IRS. Never raise taxes.	Raise the income tax. Keep raising FICA, alternative minimum tax. Raise other taxes.	Keep the income tax high. Keep raising FICA, alternative minimum tax. Raise other taxes.
Government spying	Only with valid warrant. Welcome home Edward Snowden.	Keep mass surveillance. Banish and slander Edward Snowden.	Keep mass surveillance. Banish and slander Edward Snowden.
Medical insurance mandates	Repeal Obamacare. Rescind regulations. Dramatically lower cost of health care.	Keep Obamacare. Increase regulations. Drive up cost of health care.	Replace Obamacare with similar regulations. Drive up cost of health care.
Politicians killing American citizens without trial	Strictly forbid.	Keep option to kill.	Keep option to kill.
Militarization of police	Remove military equipment from domestic police forces.	Keep armored trucks, M-16 rifles, and grenade launchers in your town.	Keep armored trucks, M-16 rifles, and grenade launchers in your town.
Middle East conflicts	Peace and diplomacy. Allow free trade. Bring troops home NOW.	Bombs away! Cut off food and medicine. Put U.S. service men and women in harm's way.	Bombs away! Cut off food and medicine. Put U.S. service men and women in harm's way.
Racial profiling	Treat all citizens equally under the law.	Keep racist policies that target minorities.	Keep racist policies that target minorities.
War on Drugs	End it! Release non-violent prisoners. Allow medical cannabis.	Cling to failed prohibition. Keep non-violent prisoners locked up. Deny medical treatment.	Cling to failed prohibition. Keep non-violent prisoners locked up. Deny medical treatment.
U.S. military presence in more than 130 other countries	Stop meddling! Bring troops home to their families.	Keep meddling abroad. Separate troops from their families.	Keep meddling abroad. Separate troops from their families.
Military spending	Reduce spending dramatically. Defense, not offense.	Increase spending. Feed the military-industrial complex.	Increase spending. Feed the military-industrial complex.
Monetary policy	Secure Americans' financial assets. Stabilize prices. Market sets interest rates. Allow Bitcoin and other currencies.	Print money with abandon. Devalue the dollar. Diminish American assets. Force prices up. Politicians set interest rates. Prohibit alternative currencies.	Print money with abandon. Devalue the dollar. Diminish American assets. Force prices up. Politicians set interest rates. Prohibit alternative currencies.
Marriage equality	Support and vote for it.	Waffle, delay.	Waffle, oppose.
Guns	Repeal anti-self defense laws.	Pass new laws that disarm innocent Americans.	Enforce laws that disarm innocent Americans.
Wage price-fixing ("minimum wage")	Repeal wage controls to give the poorest a chance.	Impose price controls and kill jobs for the poor.	Impose price controls and kill jobs for the poor.
Education	Return control to parents, teachers, local communities. Enable high-quality, diversified education. Allow property taxes to drop.	Centrally plan education. One size fits all. Sustain high dropout rates and illiteracy. Drive up property taxes.	Centrally plan education. One size fits all. Sustain high dropout rates and illiteracy. Drive up property taxes.

* Republicans voted to balance the federal budget “in 10 years” in 2012, “in 10 years” in 2013, and “in 10 years” in 2014.

New LP campaign guide available for candidates, activists

In September, the national LP headquarters released *Game-Changing Libertarian Communications*, a guide for candidates and campaign teams written by Political Director Carla Howell.

Targeted for 2015–16 Libertarian campaigns, it contains information useful to 2014 campaigns as well.

Here’s what readers of the guide have said:

“This is a nugget of gold. Thank you! I really enjoyed it and have shared it with other LP candidates here.”
— **Chris Holbrook, LP Minnesota candidate for governor**

“Good stuff.”
— **Scott Soffen, LP Maryland candidate for U.S. House**

“Excellent. Much good information which I plan to follow.”
— **Leo Martin, LP Maryland candidate for Garrett County commissioner**

“WOW! Thank you. Your message gives me more hope! I want to help with the bigger picture, I want to help make positive change!”
— **Michael Scott, LP Washington candidate for state House**

“Very enlightening!”
— **John Krom, LP Indiana candidate for U.S. House**

If your 2014 campaign team did not receive a copy, you’re considering a run for office in the future, or you’re simply interested in reading *Game-Changing Libertarian Communications*, send an email to campaigns@lp.org with your name and phone number. A copy of the guide will be sent to you.

Or visit LP.org/guide to read or download a copy.



Libertarian Party—issued news releases:

President Obama starts another war in violation of Constitution

President Barack Obama has taken the United States to war, now in Syria and Iraq, in violation of the U.S. Constitution — just as he did in Libya in 2011.

“Whatever differences they may claim, Democratic and Republican politicians are aligned when it comes to foreign meddling,” said Nicholas Sarwark, chair of the Libertarian National Committee. “President Barack Obama and former President George W. Bush both resort to war in the end.”

The president cites the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force to justify dropping bombs 13 years later. But its ap-

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proval by Congress applied only to nations or groups that “planned, authorized, committed or aided” the 9/11 attacks. The Islamic State (IS) did not exist in 2001 and is an enemy of Al-Qaeda.

Even if the AUMF could be applied, the Constitution requires that Congress vote

specifically on a declaration of war before engaging in military action. For the same reason, the 2003 Iraqi War was also illegal.

Last week, congressmen and women refused to vote on a war declaration. Instead they authorized funding to arm and train “appropriately vetted” Syrian fighters.

“This is wildly reckless and irresponsible,” said Sarwark. “The old parties in Congress just spent \$20 million arming and training Iraqi soldiers, only to see U.S. military weapons land in the hands of the Islamic State. This new measure could end up arming future enemies in Syria as well.”

Obama has admitted that IS presents no immediate threat to the United States.

“The bigger threat is endless war and a heightened risk of terrorist attacks on U.S. citizens as a result of military intervention,” Sarwark said.

The Libertarian Party and its candidates call for getting out and staying out of Iraq and Syria.

Libertarian Party urges lawmakers to get out, stay out of Iraq and Syria

The Libertarian Party urges lawmakers to stop bombing in Iraq and to disengage from operations in both Iraq and Syria.

“The U.S. government has been intervening in the Middle East for more than half a century under the pretext of achieving peace,” said Nicholas Sarwark, chair of the Libertarian National Committee. “But things just keep getting worse. We must stop stoking conflicts that tear countries apart, stop dropping bombs, and stay out of the region.”

Any attempt by the United States and other foreigners to intervene in the area undermines the ability of natives who oppose the Islamic State (IS) to mount sustainable opposition. It also helps the IS recruit supporters and puts the world at greater risk of terrorist attacks.

More than 30 Libertarian candidates for federal office nationwide who will be on the ballot on Nov. 4 have pledged to downsize the U.S. military. Each has promised:

“If elected, I will sponsor legislation to cut military spending by 60 percent or more and cut total federal spending accordingly; close all foreign U.S. military bases; withdraw completely from the Middle East; and bring our troops home.”

Downsizing the military to 40 percent of today’s spending would leave more than enough to fund decisive military action against any enemy who attacks the United States while fully funding benefits for the veterans of our previous wars.

The United States spent \$20 billion to train and



equip the Iraqi Army. President Barack Obama is now dropping bombs to destroy the equipment the U.S. military left behind, some of which remains in the hands of the Islamic State.

“The absurdity of spending more U.S. taxpayer dollars to destroy U.S. weapons is one more piece of evidence that we must draw down our military,” said Sarwark. “A

non-interventionist foreign policy is the best way to achieve peace and reduce the risk of a terrorist attack on U.S. soil. It will also go a long way toward balancing the federal budget, cutting taxes, and halting inflation.”

The Islamic State joins a long line of U.S. enemies whom the U.S. government helped in their rise to power: Muammar Gaddafi, Ayatollah Khomeini, Manuel Noriega, Saddam Hussein, and Osama bin Laden.

Both Democrats like Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Republicans like Sen. John McCain are calling for more war in Iraq.

“Democratic and Republican politicians have meddled so extensively in the Middle East that they’re now in the ludicrous position of siding with very recent U.S. enemies: Iran, Assad, and al-Qaeda, all of whom oppose the Islamic State,” Sarwark said.

Lawmakers cite the highly publicized and brutal beheading of two U.S. journalists in the region as justification for more intervention against IS. But they ignore the fact that, according to a Reuters report, U.S. ally Saudi Arabia beheaded several of its citizens in the last month

who were convicted of non-violent crimes such as smuggling hashish and sorcery.

President Obama cites the need to protect U.S. military personnel in Erbil as a reason for going back to war in Iraq. But he’s the one who stationed troops there in violation of the U.S. Constitution, which requires a vote of Congress to declare war.

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Connecticut

Two partisan elected Libertarians serving

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut continues to grow and maintain past success. We currently have two elected officials serving in partisan capacities, one planning commissioner and one member of a Board of Finance. This year, we will be running Dan Reale for U.S. Congress in the Second District, and Rich Lion for State Rep., District 9. Lion faces only a Democratic opponent, and his opponent voted for an unpopular gun control bill recently, positioning Lion as perhaps the most likely candidate from a non-intellectually bankrupt party to win this year statewide. Both candidates have already been actively going door to door with doorhangers and placing yard signs.

The party held a fiercely contested convention for the Second Congressional District, in which Reale's Republican opponent sought our nomination. The attempt to keep out a Libertarian candidate shows that our relevance is noted and has other parties nervous. The Republican candidate for the 15th State Senate District sought, but did not receive, the LP's endorsement, after successfully petitioning in the party's name without contacting the LPCT.

Hawaii

THC ministry leader released from prison

On 9/11/14 (appropriately called "Patriot Day"), Roger Christie was finally released from the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu. The Reverend Christie, minister of the Hilo-based THC ministry, had been a champion of marijuana law reform for decades. A Libertarian Party member, he twice sought elected office. He was also instrumental in pushing marijuana reform in Hawaii County. His political activities and the use of marijuana as a sacrament in his church (which occupied a prominent place in

downtown Hilo) led to targeting by federal agents. In 2010, he and a number of other members of the church were arrested and charged with operating a marijuana distribution ring.

It was after his arrest that the federal government showed its true corruption and ugliness. Although a first-time non-violent offender, respected in the community, the Rev. Christie was denied bail. In the federal system, it seems the constitutional rights of accused persons are no longer recognized. By calling him a "danger to the community" the courts could allow him to be held indefinitely. Anyone who might conceivably commit a federal crime while out on bail is a danger under the federal guidelines unless they can prove that they will not do so. The burden of proof is squarely placed on the defendant.

The feds compounded the denial of bail by not bringing Rev. Christie to trial. Roger had hoped to have his day in court. He was well prepared to make a defense on religious freedom. His church had never hidden what it was up to. You'd think if he had any reason to believe his defense would not hold up and he was simply dealing drugs, he'd have hidden his activities.

It became clear that the court and prosecutors had no intention of ever allowing him to make a case before a jury. The prosecution continually added new charges and elements to the case, causing the defense to ask for more time to prepare. Then they untruthfully blamed the defense for delays in the trial. By the fall of 2013, this man had spent almost four years in prison without bail, and without the right to a speedy trial guaranteed in our Constitution. When the court ruled that he would not be allowed to raise his religious defense, and would only be limited to disputing the fact of having distributed marijuana at trial, the chance of any justice was closed.

In late 2013, Roger Christie accepted a plea deal that allowed the government to seize his condominium in Hilo and more than \$13,000 in cash that they had "recovered" from his safe when he was arrested. For this, he avoided a possible 30-year sentence and retained his right to appeal.

A number of supporters attended his

sentencing hearing in April 2014. After the attorneys made their positions clear, the judge recommended that Roger be released to a halfway house on Oahu until his minimum sentence was up in November. He would not be allowed to use marijuana or be around others who were doing so. The judge did make very clear that his rights to engage in political activity would not be removed. Everyone thought he would be out within weeks.

Months went by without any word on when the judge's recommendation would be acted on by the Bureau of Prisons. Many began to suspect he would not be released prior to the November election, specifically to prevent him from engaging in the very political activity that the judge had said he had a right to. Apparently, the federal prison system doesn't have to listen to judges' recommendations at all. They feel that they are above the law and the Constitution. I believe some effective pressure may have been applied a few days before he was released.

Roger's comments on exiting the system indicate he is ready to take up the political fight again. He also has hopes for his appeal. Although he can't get the five years back that were stolen from him, he could receive compensation for the property that was taken. There is also the outstanding issue of his wife's case. She was sentenced with him, but not incarcerated pending her appeal.

Roger's abuse at the hands of the federal bully boys angered people across Hawaii's political spectrum. Democrats, Republicans, and Greens joined the Libertarians in their disgust over his case. Let's all hope this is part of the last gasp of the anti-marijuana crusade in our country.

Indiana

Candidate calls for election board changes

Citing election and financial concerns, Libertarian Party candidate for Indiana secretary of state Karl Tatgenhorst has called for changes to Indiana code ensuring libertarians gain appointments to the state and local election boards.

"We have maintained ballot access for 20 consecutive years in Indiana, yet

have little say in how the business of our elections is managed," noted Tatgenhorst, an IT executive from Northern Indiana. "It's time the Libertarian Party of Indiana is given the same voice and presence as the Democratic and Republican parties."

Tatgenhorst made the appeal following a series of election-related issues. Five Libertarian Party candidates were challenged on the ballot this year, with their fate determined by a board comprising only Democratic and Republican party appointees. LPIN successfully fended off four of those five challenges, but took valuable resources and time away from campaigning.

"We were the only party in the state to have candidates for Indiana Statehouse challenged this year," Tatgenhorst noted. "We also see this in Illinois, Ohio and New York. It's past time that we are afforded the same oversight positions. In Indiana, at least, our presence on these important panels would provide balance to a system that is often gridlocked or, worse yet, coordinated in a manner that restricts a third-party or independent candidate presence. The old parties write the laws that put us at a disadvantage, enact these laws, then play judge and jury over the fate of our candidates. It has to end, and I'm calling on our legislators to make changes to include Libertarian Party members at both county- and state-level election boards."

Tatgenhorst is also concerned about some recent financial decisions by the incumbent secretary of state intended to increase voter turnout in this year's election. After a successful pilot program, state legislators have approved voting centers as an option to reduce election expenses. If adopted, each county could save tens of thousands of dollars from election expenses. Currently, 33 of Indiana's 92 counties are considering this plan.

At the same time, the state is spending \$750,000 on voter turnout advertising.

"Anyone paying attention to the news and television knows we have an election," Tatgenhorst noted. "We are making incredible efforts across the state to save money, and then our secretary of state uses nearly \$1 million of taxpayer funds in an election year to build name recognition while encouraging voter turnout. I'm hopeful the voters will see these expenditures as unnecessary and ask the incumbent her rationale for this marketing campaign at this time."

In Indiana, the secretary of state

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Karl Tatgenhorst

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oversees elections. The race also determines the state's ballot access. Any party gaining more than 2 percent in the general election will maintain ballot access at all levels without petition for the next four years. In 2010, Mike Wherry won nearly 6 percent of the popular vote, assuring the LPIN's position on the ballot through 2014.

Louisiana

Libertarians storm Louisiana ballots

Last month, Louisiana candidates registered for fall 2014 elections and we are pleased to announce that Libertarians qualified to run for office across the state in record-breaking numbers! There were six federal candidates and 13 local candidates, a total of 19 Libertarian candidates. The Libertarian Party of Louisiana would like to congratulate the Libertarians who qualified to run on the Nov. 4, 2014, ballots!

Libertarian federal candidates:

- Brannon McMorris for U.S. Senate
- Jeffry Sanford for Congressional District 1
- Samuel Davenport for Congressional District 2
- Randall Lord for Congressional District 4
- Chuck Saucier for Congressional District 5
- Rufus Craig for Congressional District 6

Libertarian local candidates:

- Troy G. Broussard for Judge of 1st Parish Court Division B in Jefferson Parish
- Chad Bourgeois for School Board District 6B in Ascension Parish
- Denise Landry Bruno for School Board District 6A in Ascension Parish
- Chad Bourgeois for School Board District 6B in Ascension Parish
- Jo Ann Scott for School Board District 7 in Jefferson Parish
- Chad Ivery Perry for Justice of the Peace Ward 7 in Calcasieu Parish
- Michael J. Vogt for Justice of the Peace Ward 6 in Plaquemines Parish
- Justin Bonnette for Justice of the Peace

- Ward 6 in Vernon Parish
- Henry Herford for Constable of District 1 in Franklin Parish
- Martin Wade for Constable of District 4 in Lafourche Parish
- Justin L. Licciardi for Constable Ward B in St Bernard Parish
- Ryan Shinkle for Youngsville City Council Division A in Lafayette Parish
- Matthew Thomasee for Youngsville City Council Div. B in Lafayette Parish
- William McBride for Washington City Council District 3 in St. Landry Parish

Congratulations to Henry Herford of Franklin, who ran unopposed and is considered elected as constable for justice of the peace in District 1! Likewise, Justin Bonnette was unopposed and is considered elected for Justice of the Peace Ward 6 in Vernon Parish.

Thanks to all of our candidates for stepping up to run for office, and thanks to all of our members who are working so hard to spread the message of liberty and freedom! We're working to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office. Louisiana will soon be Libertarian territory!

Montana

Two LP candidates to debate in October

The fall elections bring debates and endorsements. In the Senate District 33 race, the Montana Shooting Sports Association endorsed Libertarian candidate Joan Stanley.

Our statewide candidates for the U.S. House and Senate haven't had many debates since the first debate to open the general election. U.S. House candidate Mike Fellows reports there should be two debates in October. One in Missoula, the other in Great Falls. The one scheduled for Billings on Sept. 29 was canceled after the Republican candidate refused to debate all candidates. The Republican called the Fellows campaign of "More Liberty and Less Government" a distraction. In reality, the Republican looks more like a liberal when debating Libertarians on the issues.

During the summer, we had booths at the Gallatin, Ravalli, and Missoula



LP Montana U.S. Senate candidate Roger Roots campaigns at the Manhattan Potato Festival.

County fairs. The Mike Fellows for Montana campaign had entries in several parades, including the Ravalli Fair parade, the Sanders County Fair Parade, the Manhattan Potato Festival Parade, the Dillon Labor Day Parade, the Northwest Fair Parade, and the Kalipell 4th parade, among others. The Missoula County Libertarian Party also had a table at the Missoula Gun Show and the Missoula Hemp Fest. Our next stop is the Belgrade Fall Festival parade, Sept. 20.

The MTLP also did some outreach on Montana's two main campuses, collecting name for the UM and MSU College Libertarians. Those schools also have homecoming parades (Sept. 27), and we will have entries as well.

The MCLP has come out against a \$42 million dollar bond issue in Missoula County. The Missoula County Commissioners had placed the bond issue on the November ballot for parks and whatever. The group is in the process of getting yard signs. Property taxpayers get hit for a lot of things these days, and it never ends. That's why we say stop taxing our property.

If you have any questions, just give LP Montana Chair Mike Fellows a call. He can be reached at (406) 721-9020.

New Jersey

John Paff wins govt. transparency award

John Paff, chair of the NJLP Open Government Advocacy Project, has won another award for his tireless work in

the public interest!

Well known for his public advocacy, and a frequent panelist and speaker throughout New Jersey, John Paff this year becomes the 15th inductee into the State Open Government Freedom of Information Hall of Fame. Known as the "Heroes of the Fifty States," this joint initiative of the National Freedom of Information Coalition (NFOIC) and the Society of Professional Journalists recognizes the recipient's "long and steady effort to preserve and protect the free flow of information about state and local government that is vital to the public in a democracy." Formal induction takes place on Oct. 24 at the 2014 NFOIC Freedom of Information Summit in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Paff has been dubbed "New Jersey's busiest open government activist" by reporter Colleen O'Dea, who featured him this February in her New Jersey Spotlight article "Profile: The Man Who Makes Sure Government Works — Right Out in the Open."

Paff's interest in government transparency began in 2002 shortly after the New Jersey Open Public Records Act was passed. Since then, he has taken a lead role in the work of the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Open Government Advocacy Project, and has served as project chairman since 2003. He has also served for the past five years on the board of trustees for the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government, a nonprofit orga-

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nization devoted to improving compliance with the state's Open Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act. Paff is also a gifted writer and blogs about noteworthy issues at NJ Open Government Notes.

Having earned a reputation as a government watchdog, Paff typically juggles five public records requests at any one time. He has filed and won numerous lawsuits against non-compliant public agencies and, in doing so, has made a significant contribution to the body of case law, giving teeth to the statutes.

"The award judges had a wealth of riches this year in choosing its 'hero,' but John Paff stood above the crowd," said Sarah Nordgren, director of content development for the Associated Press and one of the NFOIC judges who reviewed the nominees. "John is tireless not only in his support of open government, but also in imparting the deep knowledge he has to others, so that they, too, can work to ensure transparency."

NFOIC's president, Hyde Post, said, "John joins a distinguish group of 14 deserving men and women: outstanding individuals who selflessly volunteer their time to ensure open, transparent government, and freedom of information in their states and for their communities."

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The FOI Summit, which also serves as the national coalition's annual conference, brings together state and regional FOI coalitions and advocates of open government. Tom Blanton, director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University, is this year's keynote speaker. Visit NFOIC online or call NOW to register for this year's FOIA Summit. Travel scholarships are available to early registrants.

New York *Nine candidates to appear on NY ballot*

New York Libertarians gathered more than 35,000 petition signatures in six weeks this summer to qualify nine candidates to appear on the New York State ballot on Nov. 4 as Libertarians.

New York's Libertarian ticket will be headed by Long Island real estate broker Michael McDermott for governor. Michael is joined by former NYLP Chair Chris Edes for lieutenant governor, U.S. Navy veteran John Clifton for comptroller, Manhattan defense attorney Carl Person for attorney general, Grant Lally for Congressional District 3 (Long Island), Gigi Bowman for Senate District 5 (Long Island), John K. Wilson for Assembly District 37 (Queens), David Casavis for Assembly District 73 (Manhattan), and Mark Glogowski for Assembly District 139 (western New York). In all, 14 Libertarians filed for public office in New York state this year.

Fortunately, the 2014 drive in New York was below budget, so more ballot access funds are available to other states. In large part, that was due to the extraordinary efforts of many volunteers across the state who gathered more than 15,000 signatures for the Libertarian candidates.

"I am humbled by the overwhelming support and hard work performed by the thousands of people who realize that we are fighting for their freedom and liberty," stated Michael McDermott, Libertarian candidate for governor of New York. "The two old parties continue to give us a choice of the lesser of two evils, but they do so at their own peril. We

the people will now have a viable third choice on Nov. 4: the Libertarian Party of New York."

On Sept. 2, incumbent state Sen. Carl Marcellino filed a lawsuit to remove Libertarian Gigi Bowman from the November ballot. New York Libertarian Party Chair Mark Axinn commented, "The Republican Party will stop at nothing to prevent choice on the ballot. Neither the Board of Elections, the courts nor the voters should be fooled by their duplicity."

Ohio *LP Ohio endorses Monnin for state House*

The Libertarian Party of Ohio is proud to announce its endorsement of Chad Monnin, candidate for Ohio House of Representatives, District 19.

Monnin has been a life member of the Libertarian Party of Ohio since 2010, and his campaign represents the best chance that a Libertarian will be elected to a state office this year.

A 12-year army veteran and business owner, Monnin has committed at least \$250,000 to his own campaign to represent the cities of Gahanna, Westerville, and New Albany (and surrounding areas).

The Monnin campaign has become aware of a recent poll that showed him in a closely contested race against a Democrat and an incumbent Republican — so this is definitely a winnable race.

Monnin's race has already garnered attention from the *Columbus Dispatch*, which has printed articles about the unsuccessful attempt by the Republican Party to remove him from the ballot (similar to the Charlie Earl case, which is still pending in federal court) and to convince him to withdraw from the race.

"I'm running because Ohio voters deserve a real choice when they choose their representatives, and I'm giving them an opportunity to vote for someone who will work to cut spending, cut taxes, and get government out of their lives," says Monnin, who is a vocal opponent of Common Core and other unconstitutional federal incursions against Ohio's sovereignty.

To learn more about Monnin's campaign, visit his campaign website: chadforohio.com

Follow him on Twitter and Facebook:

- @ChadMonnin
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Listen to his interview on the "Libertarians Working for You!" radio program:

tinyurl.com/LP-radio-Monnin

Virginia *Chair Bill Redpath's campaign report*

The LPVA is running Robert Sarvis for U.S. Senate (robertsarvis.com) and seven candidates for U.S. House this year. This is the highest number of candidates the LPVA has ever had in any given year. The highest number of U.S. House candidates in a single year before 2014 for LPVA was four. State offices are elected in odd-numbered years in Virginia.

Sarvis, who was the LPVA candidate for governor in 2013, worked hard to recruit U.S. House candidates and help in the effort to get them on the ballot. We attempted to get candidates on the ballot in all 11 U.S. House districts, but 1,000 valid signatures were needed in each district, and four of our 11 candidates fell short. The seven U.S. House candidates are:

- District 4: Bo Brown
bobbrownforcongress.com
- District 5: Paul Jones
pauljonesforcongress.com
- District 6: Will Hammer
wmhammer.com
- District 7: James Carr
jamescarrforcongress.org
- District 8: Jeffrey Carson
jeffreycarson.com
- District 10: Bill Redpath
billredpath.com
- District 11: Marc Harrold
marcharrold4congress.com

The LPVA will have a State Fair booth from Sept. 26 through Oct. 5. There was an intense period from July 21 through Aug. 16, in which we had four county fairs in Northern Virginia.

The LPVA does not have a state issues platform. Although not everyone agrees with me, I would like to see the LPVA adopt a state platform. Subsequent to Election Day 2014, we intend to have the LPVA Platform Committee propose a draft platform, then have the platform amended and adopted at a special convention (if called by the LPVA State Central Committee) sometime before March 1, 2015. It is also our intent to use the special convention as a candidate-recruiting tool, and the possible future platform as something that future state legislature candidates can easily use in their campaigns.

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LP Texas candidate for governor Kathie Glass campaigned in all 254 Texas counties.

Kathie Glass runs for TX governor on platform of federal nullification

Libertarian Party of Texas candidate for governor Kathie Glass is campaigning on a bold platform of cutting back government to its constitutional levels.

“When the federal government exceeds its constitutional authority, our constitutional design requires that states and citizens push back by nullifying unconstitutional federal acts, demanding that our Ninth and Tenth Amendment sovereignty be respected and constitutional balance restored,” Glass wrote on her campaign website. “This, we have failed to do. Without that resistance, the federal government has had free reign to do as it pleases. And what the federal government has pleased to do, is act as a tyrant, treating us as subjects to be ruled.”

Glass notes that governors have a tremendous amount of latitude to nullify federal laws and actions taken by federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Security Agency, the Bureau of Land Management, Obamacare, and more.

“To be financially independent of Washington, replace — or, even bet-

ter, do without — the almost 40 percent of our budget that comes from the federal government,” Glass wrote. “Promote and restore sound money to fall back on in the event of a currency collapse. Send the Texas Rangers to bring our Texas gold back from New York. Slash our budget 50 percent — taxes and spending — which would just put Texas back where we were when Rick Perry first took office. End property taxes and franchise taxes, and resist efforts to impose an income tax. Opt out of Medicaid.”

To promote her comprehensive plan for slashing government power, Glass embarked on a campaign tour of all 254 counties in Texas, reaching the halfway point in July.

“This tour reinforced my belief that Texans know that we are losing our liberty and Texas itself to an increasingly tyrannical federal government,” Glass said. “Texans know that Washington is broken and the two-party system is corrupted by special interests. Texans want to resist this federal tyranny, but also know that to do so we need a governor with the vision, the plan, and the guts to see it through.”

What have you missed recently on LP.org?

- Libertarian candidates for federal office pledge to downsize Big Government
- Libertarian Party: Police should stand down in Ferguson, MO; end failed drug war
- Libertarian sues to stop GOP from replacing Lt. governor candidate in Nebraska
- Libertarian Party TV ad campaign in Georgia
- Ohio LP chair: Stop using taxpayer money for political conventions
- TN city councilman elected to county commission
- Newspaper wants Libertarian Sarvis in Virginia debates
- Tennessee Libertarians work for party recognition
- New Jersey Libertarians fight for fair ballot position

Media Buzz About the Libertarian Party

“America has two tired, intellectually insipid political parties, each more than 100 years old. And they are producing a shoddy product.”

U.S. News & World Report,
9/8/2014

“Chad Grimm, the third name on the ballot in one of the nation's hardest-fought governor's races, is a fiscal conservative who believes in minimalist government. The race is expected to be very close between Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn and Republican challenger Bruce Rauner so if Grimm pulls away more than a few votes from Rauner, his candidacy could be instrumental in tipping the scales. ... Grimm advocates abolishing the state's income tax, expanding gun rights, eliminating the minimum wage and legalizing marijuana, among a range of policies he says would eliminate problems by providing more freedoms.”

Associated Press, 9/21/2014

“This year, it seems extremely likely that the Libertarian nominees for the office at the top of the ballot will poll over 2,000,000 votes. This is partly because the Libertarians have more candidates for the top-of-the-ticket office this year than ever before, but mostly because so many of the party's nominees are receiving substantial support.”

Ballot Access News, 9/24/2014

“Recent polls indicate that libertarian ideas are gaining traction among voters, especially with ‘Millennials’ under the age of 33, a group whose strong support was critical to the election of Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012.”

Salisbury Post, 8/14/2014